

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing with regards to your proposal to allow the telephone companies to prevent local ISP's from accessing their systems for the purpose of providing broadband service.

As a resident of Louisville, I have relied on a local ISP to provide my access to the internet. My ISP has provided excellent access and service at a reasonable price. This proposed policy would mor than likely drive up costs. Please do not follow the same mindless path as was followed when allowing both radio and television stations to be owned by only a few commpanies (our local radio market is controlled mainly by Clear Channel). Please protect the millions of consumers like me who are tired of the big companies and their control of consumer choice.

Sincerely,

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